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## NEWS RELEASE

DATE: January 10, 2015

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### Man Shot After Drawing Gun in Northeast Traffic Stop

Date/Time: Friday, January 09, 2015 @ 9:49 p.m.

Location: 4400 block of Tetons

Vehicle: Dodge, 4 door, grey in color

Driver: Male

Passenger: Male **(DECEASED)**

Officer: 2-year veteran assigned to Northeast Regional Command Center

EL PASO, TEXAS – A front seat passenger of a vehicle stopped by Northeast Patrol Officers is shot Friday evening after exiting the vehicle with a handgun. Officers stopped a grey Dodge sedan at 9:49 p.m., Friday, January 9, 2015 in the 4400 block of Tetons for a traffic violation (expired registration). As one officer (did not discharge weapon) was conducting the traffic interview with the driver (male, uninjured) of the vehicle the front seat passenger (male, deceased) began to exit the vehicle while drawing a handgun. The second officer began to give commands to the passenger to drop the weapon. The male passenger refused to obey the commands, continued to draw the weapon, and began to yell at the officer. The officer discharged the duty weapon striking the passenger. The male passenger died at the scene. The passenger has not been positively identified. The passenger's handgun was recovered at the scene. As in all Officer Involved Shootings, the Department's Crimes Against Persons Unit, Shooting Review Team and the Texas Rangers are investigating the shooting. The completed investigation will be forwarded to the District Attorney's for review and presentation to a Grand Jury.

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